

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A method of rendering text in an image forming device comprising:

- a. receiving a page description language (PDL) file for imaging, said PDL file including said text and a text size value;
- a b. providing a user interface for entering a user-specified font sharpening threshold, by a user said user-specified font sharpening threshold being a separate value from said text size value;
- b. ~~receiving a user-defined font sharpening threshold input by a user from said user interface~~
- c. overriding a previously established font sharpening threshold and substituting said user-defined font sharpening threshold;
- d. comparing said text size value to said user-defined font sharpening threshold;
- e e. ~~selecting~~ determining whether a halftone screen is to be used for said text based on text size and a user-defined font sharpening threshold an outcome of said comparison; and
- d f. ~~rendering the said text with the or without said selected~~ rendering the said text with the or without said selected halftone screen based on said outcome of said comparison.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2 1 wherein ~~selecting the halftone screen based on the outcome of the comparison~~ rendering said text with said halftone screen comprises selecting a halftone screen with a relatively higher halftone frequency when the text size value is less than the user-specified font sharpening threshold, and selecting a halftone screen with a relatively lower halftone frequency when the text size value is greater than the user-specified font sharpening threshold.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) A printing system comprising:

- a. a user interface for entering a user-specified font sharpening threshold ~~by a user~~;
- b. a raster image processor for generating a halftone image from a digital representation of objects to be printed, said objects including text and said digital representation including a text size value separate from said user-specified font sharpening threshold, said raster image processor programmed to render said text using a halftone screen with a halftone frequency selected based on overriding a previously established font sharpening threshold with said user-specified font sharpening threshold and performing a comparison of the text size and a value with said user-defined user-specified font sharpening threshold input by a user via said user interface; and
- c. a raster output device operatively connected to the raster image processor to generate a visible output image using the halftone image output by the raster image processor.

6. (Previously Presented) The printing system of claim 5 wherein the user interface comprises an operator panel to receive user input specifying the font sharpening threshold.

7. (Previously Presented) The printing system of claim 5 wherein the raster output device is an electrophotographic print engine.